

# The Bloomfield Record.

The Heroine of Lime Rock.

(Continued from the Bloomfield Record.)

A cheery voice called out, "Come in," and the writer entered a plain Yankee kitchen—bright and clean, with a dinner cooking on the stove, and a diminutive black kitten purring on the hearth; while in one corner of the room a young woman of two or three, and twenty stood over a washbasin, with rolled-up sleeves and arms plunged into suds, who was at once recognized as the famous Ida Lewis. At the first glance there is nothing about her which would seem to indicate a heroine but before long a close observer sees what her real character is by watching her animated play of feature, firm mouth and steady eye.

Correspondent—I hope that I am not taking a liberty in calling upon you.

Ida Lewis—Oh, sir, I am accustomed to having strangers come here to see and be shown over the lighthouse. Five thousand people perhaps, have taken the trouble to come from shore to visit me this summer, and the season is not over yet, by any means. People have exaggerated the little good I have accomplished in saving drowning men. After all, I have done no more than most American girls would have done, if, like me, they had lived all their lives in a lighthouse and known that by taking a little trouble many valuable lives could be saved, if, like me, they had strong arms, a clear head and a willing heart, and were accustomed to manage a life boat in a heavy sea.

Correspondent—The last time you risked your life was about two months ago, I believe, in saving two drowning soldiers near Fort Adams?

Ida Lewis—Yes, sir, I succeeded in saving two drowning soldiers in my boat six weeks ago. I had more trouble than usual doing it, because both of them were a little drunk.

Correspondent—How did you manage to get them both into the boat?

Ida Lewis—At first I was afraid that I wouldn't be able to do it, but by dint of calling to them, and reminding them that it was their last chance for life, I succeeded in finally hauling them both over the gunwale of my boat, and then pulled ashore. I hope the men had a lesson, and didn't try sailing again after a spell. Yes, people are very kind to me—too kind, I sometimes think, for certainly I have done no more than most other women, about whose good works very little is said. Let me show you some of the presents I have lately received.

So saying Ida produced a number of articles supposed to appeal to the feminine heart—silks, scarfs, hose, gloves, bonnets, dresses, and even jewelry.

"And I probably shall never wear one-quarter of them," she added. "Why, will need have a simple New England girl, of so many fine things?"

Correspondent—Do you expect to spend the rest of your life here on the Lime Rock?

Ida Lewis—Well I can't say what I expect. I shall certainly remain here while my parents live. I am happy and contented as I am, and don't desire a change.

The First Prayer in Congress.

In Thatcher's Military Journal, under date of December, 1777, is found a note containing the identical "first prayer in Congress," made by Rev. Jacob Dutche, a gentleman of great eloquence. Here it is—an historical curiosity:

"O, Lord, our Heavenly Father, high and mighty King of kings and Lord of lords, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth, and reignest with power supreme and uncontrolled over all the Kingdoms, Empires, and Governments. Look down in mercy we beseech Thee, on these American States, who have fled to Thee from the rod of the oppressor and thrown themselves on Thy gracious protection, desiring to be henceforth dependent on Thee only. To Thee they have appealed for the righteousness of their cause; to Thee do they now look up for that countenance and support which Thou alone canst give. Take them therefore, heavenly Father, under Thy nurturing care. Give them wisdom in council and valor in the field. Defeat the malicious designs of our adversaries; convince them of the unrighteousness of their cause; and if they still persist in sanguinary purposes, Oh! let the voice of Thy unerring justice sounding in their hearts constrain them to drop their unmoved hands in the day of battle. Be thou present, O God of Wisdom, and direct the councils of this honorable assembly. Enable them to settle things on the best and surest foundation, that the scenes of blood may be speedily closed, and order, harmony and peace may be effectually restored, and truth, justice, religion, and piety prevail and flourish among Thy people. Preserve the health of their bodies and the vigor of their minds; shower down upon

them and the millions they here represent such temporal blessings as Thou seest expedient for them in this world, and crown them with everlasting glory in the world to come. All this we ask in the name and through the merits of Jesus Christ, Thy son, our Saviour. Amen.

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